

## College Department.

Devoted to the interests of Alma College.

The junior class is enjoying the study of Spenser's "Fairy Queen."

Miss Mabel Hawley is out of school this week on account of illness.

Mr. Harold Kellogg of Mt. Pleasant attended the football game Saturday.

H. J. Miller went to Bay City Monday night to attend the wedding of his sister.

Miss Anderson of Manistee was the guest of Misses Brodie and Couant this week.

Miss Zoe Spenser of Linden, formerly an Alma student, visited college friends last week.

J. W. Robinson of Vestaburg witnessed the football game Saturday and visited his sons at the college.

The young men's meeting was largely attended Sunday afternoon. Dr. Brainard gave an instructive talk.

A large number of new chairs have been placed in the chapel and recitation rooms to accommodate the increase in number of students.

The first football team will play Michigan Agricultural college at Lansing Saturday, and the reserves will play All-Saginaw at Saginaw.

The pumpkin which the Albion team brought with them last Saturday, and intended to present to the Alma team after the game, grained its bony countenance from a third story window of the dormitory Monday night.

A Students' Republican Club was organized Wednesday. The following officers were elected: H. P. Bush, president; E. E. Tell, vice president; Wallace Webster, secretary and R. S. Brown, treasurer.

Misses Strange, Wheeler, Butler, Carl, Nicholson, Rice and Dayton returned Monday night from Albion where they attended the Y. W. C. A. state convention. They report a large attendance, excellent meetings and royal entertainment.

The following young ladies compose the new division now in charge of the kindergarten in connection with the public schools: Misses Brodie, Merriam, Sanderson, Tracy and Wheeler, with Miss Wilson as pianist. Misses Grant and Woodward have charge of the kindergarten at the college. Miss Taggart, pianist.

The ladies of the art department served chocolate and sandwiches in their studio last Friday night. The room was made attractive by beautiful decorations, in which the ladies did themselves great credit. A large number were present and all had an enjoyable evening. The occasion netted the department \$5.15.

## Our Schools.

MARION FISHER, Editor-in-Chief.  
Lizzie Grover, Associate Editors.  
Hattie Angel.

Three new pupils entered Miss Chase's room.

Marion Walker entered the second grade.

Ray Jones has entered the fourth grade.

Ella Gobel and Nellie Wheeler entered the second grade.

Mrs. W. Thompson was a visitor at school last week.

Claude Watson has returned from the best fields, to school again.

Miss Marie Grover was compelled to leave school on account of illness.

Florence Darling returned to school after an absence on account of illness.

Miss Wynne and Miss Clifton took the teachers' examination at Ithaca last week.

Miss Blanche Walker from Howell and Miss Carrie Mosher from Redstone have entered the eighth grade.

The Alma high school football team played St. Louis high school team last Friday. The score standing 21 to 0 in favor of Alma. Had it not been for the short halves and the interference of outsiders, the score probably would have been 40 to 0. St. Louis played one of her teachers who enjoyed no better pastime than engaging in pugilistic feats with one of the Alma lightweights. The high school boys play their second game in the inter-scholastic series with Saginaw, at Saginaw next Saturday. A very exciting game is expected.

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Mrs. F. C. Kerns was in Ithaca the first of the week.

D. Fleming left on Wednesday for a short business trip to Pontiac.

S. Birmingham has sold his store at Cedar Lake and moved back to Alma.

W. H. Whittaker, Michigan passenger agent of the Northern Pacific R. R., was in Alma Tuesday.

Misses Annie and Lucile Brown of Ithaca visited their sister, Mrs. N. T. Hafer, over Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Sturdevant of Riverdale visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Strayer, over Sunday.

Mrs. Helen E. C. Balmer of Mt. Pleasant, worthy grand matron of the O. E. S., was the guest of Mrs. W. S. Turck Tuesday night.

Rayner Field of Jackson, representing L. H. Field of that place, was in Alma Tuesday and Wednesday of this week with a line of cloaks and furs.

A silver medal has been awarded to the Columbia Phonograph Company by the National Export Exposition which was held in Philadelphia last year. This medal constitutes the highest award conferred and the committee says: "The delay has been caused by the desire of the management to make a medal that will bear comparison with the best ever given as an award by any American Exposition, and that should be a worthy sample of the progress of American art in this direction."

## OUR VALUES.

### The Equalization of Property by the Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors got along very nicely with their equalization this year and every one will be fairly well satisfied with the result. The total amount of tax to be raised in this county this year will be \$1,000,000, made up of the following items:

State tax	\$26,320.50
County tax	30,000.00
Township tax	14,305.00
School tax	30,798.30
Brain tax	40,823.04
Highway tax	18,390.00
Road scraper tax	2,825.04
Reflected tax	925.00
Total	\$189,561.84

By this it will be noticed that two-sevenths of the entire tax this year is drain tax and nearly a quarter of it for school tax. It costs about a dollar apiece for the people of the county to run its affairs, while approximately another seventy-five cents apiece is contributed to the running of the state government. The tax and assessments by township is as follows:

Township	Value assessed	Value equalized	Total tax
Albion	\$1,770,084	\$1,734,000	\$10,692.04
Alma	249,245	249,000	8,090.45
Elbe	301,643	300,000	10,779.40
Ferguson	373,305	372,000	14,025.30
Elkton	741,440	740,000	7,803.30
Hamilton	248,034	248,000	4,092.58
Ithaca	950,215	950,000	10,432.00
Lafayette	578,769	578,000	12,270.74
Newark	675,764	675,000	11,411.30
New Haven	403,450	403,000	11,400.27
North Haven	938,250	938,000	9,209.74
North Star	1,000,840	1,000,000	12,147.40
Pine River	510,104	510,000	6,373.03
Seville	429,043	429,000	7,260.12
Sumner	304,245	304,000	9,087.27
St. Louis	606,124	606,000	6,080.35
Washington	500,640	500,000	8,904.97
Wheeler	400,440	400,000	15,232.30
Total			\$170,877.80

## BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

### Ten Cent Cotton and the Opening of Mills Has Made Things Lively.

Below are the earnings of railroads belonging to the southern and south-western groups for the fiscal years ended June 30, 1900, and June 30, 1901:

	1900	1901
Southern	\$22,287,007	\$22,287,007
Southwestern	\$1,438,191	\$1,438,191
Total	\$23,725,198	\$23,725,198

In the case of the southwestern group, including lines in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Kansas and Colorado, the increase in net earnings was 28.19 per cent, which is greater than that of any other group of systems in the United States. An examination of the reasons for the phenomenal increase in the prosperity of southern railroads, shows that they are associated with matters of national policy, which, during the past four years, have been matters of republican policy.

The price of the great southern staple, cotton, went up from five to seven cents, and from seven cents to ten cents per pound, for the primary reason that the general policy prevailed of opening up American mills to labor. A large number of the mills thus opened were cotton mills, and the section where nearly all of the new ones were opened was in the south.

Money has loaned at lower rates of interest; both agricultural and manufacturing interests have been stimulated thereby; and what stimulates these interests directly stimulates the business of railroads. The outbound shipments of the raw cotton may not have been heavier because more was used in the southern mills; but the outbound shipments of textile goods have greatly increased. Also the inbound shipments of the luxuries of life have increased enormously, and this class of freight is the best paying of all.

Opening up new markets in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines for the products of the south has given great additional stimulus to the southern railroads, which geographically considered, derive unusual advantages from the expansion policy.

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## STRIKING AT PROSPERITY.

### What Our Government Lost When Democratic Free Trade Was in Force.

A business firm that would not learn the wisdom of continuing business year after year at a loss, paying out more money each year than they had taken in, is certainly not capable of transacting business with other people's money. Their continuance in business would be limited by the amount of the reserve capital or a thorough change in the methods of business. To not change the business methods under these conditions is worse than foolhardy; it is criminal and must needs end in the sheriff closing the doors and selling them out, or the capitalists that have been making good the losses placing other managers in charge before bankruptcy put an end to their career.

The same business methods should apply in government affairs that is applicable to private business. A political party that is so short-sighted as to wish to continue in that line has no business in control of government finances.

The income of the United States in three out of four democratic years was less than the expenditures of the government, and that in time of peace.

In 1893 we took in more than we paid out—\$2,341,674—but our public debt increased \$7,775.

In 1894 our expenditures exceeded our income \$69,800,200, and our public debt increased \$50,004,700; in other words we ran behind that year \$119,808,950.

In 1895 we paid out more than we took in, \$32,857,253, and our public debt increased \$71,000,170, and ran behind that year \$103,857,423.

In 1896, the year Mr. McKinley was elected, we paid out in excess of our income (the democratic Wilson law), still the law at the custom house, \$25,000,246, and our national debt was increased \$20,101,000, and we ran behind \$45,101,246.

While we were paying out more than we were earning, mechanics' wages were getting lower and lower, and more mechanics were losing their jobs each year, while the mechanics and mill hands in European workshops were working night and day, supplying the American market, which our wage-earners had been doing before the democratic free trade Wilson law was enacted.

If we apply the business test we can see more clearly the bad effect of free trade.

Suppose it was a private firm or trust that was spending each year more than they were earning, and each year piling up its indebtedness, and when that fact came to the attention of the parties who sold them raw material or manufactured goods on credit, a consultation would very soon lead to the depreciation of the credit of the indebted firm, and its paper would be blacklisted and its credit gone.

And yet, here we find the democratic platform calling for an enlargement of the free list. It is a blow at protection, and on a par with the other pretensions of the democratic party. Experience does not teach them anything, and they cannot be trusted with power.

**Senator Jones the Man.**  
Senator Jones is the proper calamity representative. Live stock in Arkansas decreased in value from \$22,473,245 in 1896 to \$21,409,682 in 1900. At the same time the live stock on farms in the entire country increased in value from \$1,541,396,339 to \$2,042,840,812. Senator Jones should look to his own state before trying to reform the country's business and attend to the prosperity of the farmers.

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